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MANILA FOR USADB

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: BENC, ASEAN, TH  
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: RTG'S ASEAN PROJECT--ROCK SALT/SODA ASH

REF: STATE 70912

1. WITH REGARD PARA 3 REFTEL, RTG'S BOARD OF INVESTMENT  
IN 1974 GRANTED PROMOTIONAL PRIVILEGES FOR PROPOSED DIAMOND  
THAI-ASAHI SODA ASH JOINT VENTURE. THESE PRIVILEGES REMAIN  
VALID, BUT RTG HAS NOT RPT NOT GRANTED CATHAY TRUST A ROCK SALT  
MINING CONCESSION.

2. ACCORDING KIARTI SRIFEUNGFUNG, DIAMOND SHAMROCK'S  
PRESIDENT WILLIAM BRICKER WILL VISIT BANGKOK MAY 6-9 FOR  
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH KIARTI ON SODA ASH VENTURE.  
PRESUMABLY WE WILL AT THAT TIME GAIN SOME INSIGHTS INTO  
DIAMOND'S, AND KIARTI'S, PLANS.

3. RE PARA 4 REFTEL, ACCORDING KNOWLEDGABLE SOURCE IN  
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, RTG HAS NOT YET AWARDED CONTRACT ON  
DRILLING AND ROCK SAMPLING PORTION OF FEASIBILITY WORK.

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